GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Universities and Institutes approved by Distance Education Council (DEC) of Indira Gandhi National Open University as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of Distance Education Programmes offered by them, both approved by DEC and not yet approved by DEC;

(c) the number of students pursuing Distance Education Courses not approved by DEC through these Universities and Institutes;

(d) whether such students are eligible to apply in posts and services under the Central/State Governments;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to redress the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) and (b) A State-wise list of universities and institutes along with their programmes, approved by Distance Education Council (DEC) of Indira Gandhi National Open University, is annexed.

(c) IGNOU does not maintain the information on the number of students pursuing Distance Education Courses not approved by DEC.

(d) to (f) In order to ensure recruitment of manpower of high caliber for Government jobs, a Notification No 44, F-18- 15/93-TD.V/TS.IV dated 1st March, 1995 was issued in the Gazette of India, stating interalia that qualifications awarded through Distance Education by the Universities established by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature, Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and Institutions of National Importance declared under an Act of Parliament stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to posts and services under the Central Government provided it has been approved by Distance Education Council and AICTE, wherever necessary.